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1. Sen. Humphrey (D., Minn.) has introduced a joint resolution to establish a Commission on Government Security, 4 members each to be appointed by the President, the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House. The Commission shall study the entire Government security program, including statutes, executive orders and administrative regulations covering the field of espionage, loyalty and subversive activities. In the course of his speech in support of this resolution, Sen. Humphrey pointed out the overlap and different standards of clearances in the Government, and in particular the fact that high ranking officers of the military establishment with access to the most secret military information were required to have special AEC clearances. Sen. Humphrey goes on to state:

"Fortunately the 1954 Atomic Energy Act remedies this situation to some extent, but much of the anomaly remains. Although there now exists a basis for flexibility of investigation, and for interchange of AEC and Department of Defense clearances, personnel of other Government agencies, including such important ones as the CIA and the State Department, may not be able to have access to AEC information on the strength of their own agency investigations and clearances, but must undergo the specific treatment prescribed in the Atomic Energy Act. Again I think a heavy burden of proof rests upon those who would argue that such ambiguities, complexities, and contradictions are justifiable."

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